

Two goal Evans on target

FIELDING six changes from Saturday's team, Wycombe Wanderers eased to their first Premier Midweek Floodlight League victory of the season on Tuesday night when they crushed struggling Wokingham Town.

Into the side came Dave Wright, Ian Rundle, Graham MacKenzie, Tony Brothers, Dave Woodbridge and a local newcomer Brian Blackburn. Of the half dozen, MacKenzie immediately caught the eye with another hard working performance. Finding plenty of space for himself, his distribution was excellent and with performances like this it can't be long before he earns himself a regular first team place.

Another improving player is Dillon Evans, scorer of two goals, one of them a particularly fine effort. Young Blackburn started nervously but was settling down when he was sub-

stituted at half time by Rob Williams.

NO TEST

Wokingham, languishing at the foot of the Rothmans Isthmian League, Division two table, were hardly a test for Wanderers. Having lost the bulk of last term's squad they had nothing to offer up front, where their coloured forward Griffiths was constantly trapped offside.

Veteran Brian Pitts held the defence together for a time but as Wycombe began to get on top, it was obvious that goals would come.

In the early stages, play was scrappy as the Wycombe side struggled to find any cohesion. A greasy pitch meant many passes went astray and although Wanderers' approach work was fair, the final pass was frequently not coming off.

Switching Ian Rundle to centre back and Blackburn to full back seemed to bolster the defence in which Roger Grant again stood out.

Evans twice went close in the first half but at the end of 45 minutes, the score was still blank. The situation soon altered

in the second period however. After only two minutes Dave Woodbridge chipped over a cross and Dillon Evans bundled the ball over the line for the opening goal.

Nine minutes later the same player made it 2-0 when Phil Wood, playing in the number six shirt, went through to the by-line. The cross came over to Evans, unmarked at the far post and he rifled the ball home on the volley.

At this stage Wycombe were producing the best football of the match. Passing improved and they set up attacks regularly as Wokingham gave away possession in midfield. They increased their lead after 78 minutes when Horseman's corner went straight to Grant, again unmarked who headed neatly home from eight yards.

Two minutes later Wood was unlucky not to join his Enfield colleague on the scoring list when his firm header struck the underside of the crossbar and came down on the line.

In the closing stages Wokingham pulled one back through former Wycombe man Johnny Bucke who received the ball 30 yards out ran on and fired a superb shot over Dave Wright.

Inevitably though, it was Wycombe who had the final word when Dave Bullock's shot from a corner went over Griffith in goal but was punched onto the crossbar by Herbert. Referee Reeves immediately pointed to the spot and Tony Horseman thumped home the penalty, which Griffith did well to get a hand to.

WYCOMBE: D. Wright; I. Rundle, B. Blackburn (sub R. Williams 45 mins), D. Bullock, R. Grant; P. Wood, A. Brothers, G. MacKenzie; D. Woodbridge (sub S. Perrin 73 mins), D. Evans, A. Horseman. **WOKINGHAM:** J. Griffith; C. Hopkins, P. New, P. Bunnett, B. Pitts, B. Gaynor (sub Herbert 45 mins), R. Thompson, T. Chivers, J. Griffiths, J. Bucke, E. Ambden.

Referee: D. V. Reeves (New Denham).

Half-time: 0-0. **Goalscorers:** Wycombe - Evans 2 (47) (56), Grant (78), Horseman pen. (89). Wokingham - Bucke (86).

Actual paying attendance: 460. **Approximate total attendance:** 600.

Ted leads Sutton

WYCOMBE Wanderers meet up with their former centre half Ted Powell tomorrow (Saturday) when they visit Sutton United in the Rothmans Isthmian League, Division One.

Powell took over as player-manager from ex-Wycombe boss Sid Cann recently. So far this season United have won four of their eight games, including a 1-0 success at Enfield. Two have been drawn and two lost.

Graham Dennis and Ricky Kidd lead the goalscoring charts with four apiece while Dave Lennard scored on his debut in the 3-0 win at St. Albans last week.

Having made the big breakthrough against Bracknell on Tuesday, Marlow go forward

to the next stage of the last Amateur Cup competition tomorrow at Egham. But there can be little joy in the Marlow camp when they survey the damage and injuries they have incurred among their playing staff.

Bruce Joiner is now out of the game for four weeks and there are doubts about the fitness of Peter Stone, Peter Eyres, Mick Hill and Mike McKeown.

In addition Colin Reid will not be available, so the squad which shoulders the burden of responsibility against a side which has already beaten Barking this season, will be: Junger, Jenkins, Eyres, Shiel, Stone, Palmer, Harrison, Hill, Sewell, Rand, Dickenson, Murphy, McKeown and Bebb.